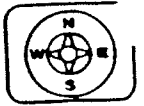


# Understanding Latitude

## Activity 6



Skill: Knowledge

Theme: Location

The lines that go east and west around the globe are parallel lines called lines of *latitude*. Remember these facts about latitude:

- The equator is a line of latitude that runs east and west halfway between the North and South Poles. It is the starting place for measuring latitude on the Earth.
- Latitude is measured north and south of the equator. Latitudes are called either *north* or *south*.
- The equator is located at zero degree latitude. North latitudes extend from zero degree to 90° (the North Pole). South latitudes extend from zero degree to 90° (the South Pole).

Use the World Political Map on pages 8–9 to answer these questions about latitude.

---

---

---

---

---

---

1. Which Australian city is nearer 30° south latitude: Perth, Melbourne, or Canberra?
2. Which city is nearer the equator: Bogota, Columbia, or Sao Paulo, Brazil?
3. What is the name for zero degree latitude?
4. Through which country does 45° north latitude cross: China or Argentina?
5. Through which country does 15° south latitude cross: Sudan or Angola?

6. List the latitudes of the following cities. The first city has been located. You should list latitudes in the same way for the other cities.

41° north latitude

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

- a. New York, New York
- b. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- c. Moscow, Russia
- d. Cairo, Egypt
- e. San Francisco, California
- f. Luanda, Angola
- g. What is the latitude of your community?